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INTERNET SERVER ACCESS CONTROL AND MONITORING SYSTEMS

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### SUPPLEMENTARY RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

The present remarks are in response to the Advisory Action dated September 27, 2004, and supplement the response filed on September 30, 2004. In the response, Applicants submitted a declaration by George Winfield Treese that swears behind the Kahan reference.

When the response dated September 30, 2004 was filed, a telephonic interview was conducted with the Examiner in a bona fide attempt to advance prosecution of the application, and where the contents of the affidavit were discussed. It was agreed during the Interview that the affidavit would overcome the cited documents. Furthermore, as the Advisory Action was mailed only 3 days before the statutory bar date, Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal to maintain pendency of the Application.

However, since that time, no action has been taken by the USPTO on the merits of the application. It was further learned through numerous telephone discussions with the Examiner, that EFW delays were preventing the application from being considered. To date, Applicants have not filed an Appeal Brief in reliance on the aforementioned telephonic interviews that assured Applicants that the rejection would be withdrawn.

Applicants maintain that the declaration of George Winfield Treese overcomes the cited documents, and provides sufficient evidence of conception and diligent reduction to practice to support the §1.131 affidavit. In the telephonic interview conducted April 28, 2005, the Examiner

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requested Applicants to submit these remarks to memorialize the contents of the aforementioned discussions.

In light of these extraordinary circumstances, Applicants respectfully and earnestly request a prompt examination on the merits. The current delays by the USPTO have caused Applicant to unnecessarily absorb fees, and may potentially prejudice the application as a whole.

If there are any remaining issues the Examiner is encouraged to call Applicants' attorney, Peter Zura at (312) 807-4208 in order to facilitate a speedy disposition of the present case. If any additional fees are required in connection with this response they may be charged to deposit account no. 02-1818.

Respectfully submitted,

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER Docket No. (General - Patent Pending) 115274-021 In Re Application Of: Levergood et al. Application No. Filing Date Examiner Customer No. Group Art Unit Confirmation No. 09/005,479 January 12, 1998 Patrice L. Winder 24573 2155 2543 Title: INTERNET SERVER ACCESS CONTROL AND MONITORING SYSTEMS **COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:** Transmitted herewith is: Supplementary Response After Final Rejection (2 pages); Return Receipt Postcard in the above identified application. No additional fee is required. A check in the amount of is attached. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 02-1818 as described below. Charge the amount of Credit any overpayment. Charge any additional fee required. □ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. Dated: April 29, 2005 Peter Zura Reg. No. 48,196 Bell, Boyd & Lloyd LLC P.O. Box 1135 hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with Chicago, Illinois 60690-1135 sufficient postage as first class mall in an envelope Phone: (312) 807-4208 addressed to the "Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450" [37 CFR 1.8(a)] on April 29, 2005 (Date) Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence CC: Heather Foster Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence